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Section 1 requires a utility to provide a customer's requested electricity usage data within ten days if needed for interconnection of a distributed energy generation system on behalf of the customer. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 2 defines "private entity" as a homeowners association or other association subject to a homeowners association document; prohibits private entities from refusing to permit owners of single-family dwellings to install, maintain, or use a roof-mounted solar energy system; and permits a private entity to impose certain reasonable restrictions, including a requirement that a licensed contractor install the system. A private entity may require prior approval for installation or use of the system and the approval or denial decision must be made in writing.

Sections 3 and 4 make conforming changes to statutes governing common interest communities.